

PLAN FOR 3-YEAR WAR, ALLIED EXPERTS TELL U. S.

TEUTON ALLIES CAN WITHSTAND LONG STRUGGLE

Duration of Conflict Depends on Quick Action Here

REVOLT IN GERMANY APPEARS UNLIKELY

Entente Envoys Warn Against Exaggeration of Situation

AMERICAN ARMY NEEDED

Forces Could Be Sent to Europe in Year or Eighteen Months

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The United States faces three years of active warfare, at least. How much longer this country will have to remain under arms depends almost entirely upon the speed with which a properly trained and equipped army is put into the field.

This state of facts has been laid before the high officials of the United States by the military and economic experts of Britain and France, who are here to give their judgement and advice to the working out of a co-operative war program.

The information on European conditions now being assembled for the benefit of the United States reveals that this country has been kept illy informed both as to what was going on and what was likely to happen among the groups of nations making up the fighting forces across the sea.

GERMAN REVOLT UNLIKELY If the United States follows the advice of the British and French it will, for the time being, cast into the discard all thought that a revolution in Germany or an inter-

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MISS A. W. GOODRICH HEADS 40,000 NURSES

Chosen President of Association Without Opposition at Convention Here

THREE BODIES IN SESSION

A New York woman, Miss Anne W. Goodrich, of the Teachers' College, New York, will be the next president of the American Nurses' Association, an organization which has 40,000 members in every State in the Union and which is holding its twentieth annual convention in joint session with the twenty-third annual meeting of the National League of Nursing Education and the fifth session of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, at the Bellevue-Stratford.

The members of the American Nurses' Association refused to make a second nomination for the office. Nominations for the officers of this organization are made in a truly democratic manner. Ballots are sent to all organizations which send in nominations. These are sifted through by the nomination committee before the opening of the convention and submitted to the delegates.

Miss Goodrich, the present head of the organization, was the only nominee. The mention of her name brought forth an ovation, and immediately a half dozen women in various parts of the house rose to their feet to close the nominations.

Similar action was taken when the name of Mrs. C. V. Twiss, of New York, was presented for treasurer. Mrs. Twiss had just made a report which showed that the organization has \$2,160,114 in the bank and in bonds. The nominations were closed and so she and Miss Goodrich will be elected treasurer and president, respectively, without opposition.

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FIRST PHOTOS OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION TO REACH U. S.



The upper picture shows a band of revolutionary soldiers with a red flag bearing the inscription, "Down with the monarchy and long live democracy." Below are students and soldiers firing across the Moikia Canal at the Police.

GERMANS STEM BRITISH SWEEP

Halt English With Masses of Own Dead—Fail to Regain Ground

BIGGEST CARNAGE OF WAR

LONDON, April 27.—The battle of Arras, now in its fourth day, has developed into a struggle by the Germans at an appalling cost in men, to prevent the British from breaking the Drocourt-Queant line, the vital defense of Douai and Cambrai. The Germans have reported to the tactics of counter-attacks in massed formations, and though they have nowhere won back any ground from the British, they have succeeded in stemming the advance of Haig's troops.

The British official report issued last night is silent regarding developments in the Titanic conflict now in progress, saying merely that "there was considerable activity during the day by both sides." A hint of the extension of the fighting area is, however, contained in the report which tells of infantry operations in the Ypres region, far to the north of the Arras sector.

All reports, British as well as German, agree that the losses in killed are greater than in any previous battle on the front in France.

DEAD FILL FIELDS According to the Koelnische Zeitung's correspondent at the front, "German troops look across fields piled with corpses to the British army, which they have repelled successfully." British correspondents who have returned from the fighting lines tell the same story of the losses the British have captured and held.

What may be the result of the persistent counter-attacks of Hindenburg's men, is indicated in a dispatch from Eduard's correspondent at the British front, who, after telling of the enormous numbers of reserves which the Germans are sending into the battle, says:

"They are fighting a great delaying battle, although not standing on any well prepared system of defenses, and can hope to check our advance only by using great masses of parapets. This policy must greatly accelerate the process of exhaustion, and if continued long the situation will resolve itself into the simple problem of which side can longest maintain the deadly pace."

"Prisoners say the German army is now being drained at a rate which will bring collapse within a measurable time."

GERMANS MOWED DOWN Fiercest among the counter-attacks which are the striking feature of Hindenburg's

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PRINCETON SOPH KILLED BY AUTO

Two Other Students Injured, One Seriously, When Car Overturns

RAN AT GREAT SPEED

PRINCETON, April 27.—One Princeton student was killed and two were injured, one seriously, when a high-powered touring car in which they were riding, ran wild and overturned on the Princeton road, near Lawrenceville, early today.

The accident happened shortly after midnight as the students were on their way to the university after spending the evening in Trenton. The machine jumped clear of the road, turned turtle and flung the occupants out with great force. One was killed almost instantly.

The dead: Robert E. Sniffen, of Summit, N. J., a Sophomore at Princeton.

The injured: W. S. T. Purlock, a senior, of Pittsburgh, suffering from internal injuries and lacerations; condition serious; in Mercer Hospital, Trenton.

Harold Vensel, a senior, of Pittsburgh, cuts, bruises, condition not serious; Mercer Hospital, Trenton.

Sniffen was the son of a New York lawyer. His parents have been notified. His body was taken to the undertaking establishment of Boulson & Coleman, in Trenton.

The machine, which was owned and driven by Vensel, one of the injured, was badly damaged. After running wild, one of the wheels came off and it jumped clear of the road, almost looped the loop and landed upright in a ditch beyond the road. It was going at high speed.

The accident occurred at the end of Lawrenceville, near Trenton, in front of

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Universal Military Training Petitions

PERSONS who advocate universal military training and service for young men prior to their twentieth year may have their views placed before the President and Congress by signing a petition urging the adoption of this system at the offices of the Ledger Central, Broad and Chestnut streets, and the Ledger Building, Sixth and Chestnut streets.

These petitions, which have been sent out by the National Security League, are being signed in every city in the United States.

The local headquarters of the National Security League is at 127 Commercial Trust Building.

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CHESTER KEEN FOR PATRIOTIC RALLY TONIGHT

City Will Rededicate Itself to Cause of Freedom

PARADE TO PRECEDE GREAT MASS-MEETING

Big Tabernacle Will Be Used for Town's Greatest Demonstration

BOY SCOUTS IN THE LINE

CHESTER, Pa., April 27.—Chester will demonstrate anew tonight that it throbs with patriotism, and will rededicate itself to the cause of freedom. Everything has been arranged for the biggest patriotic celebration ever held in the city.

The big tabernacle, with a seating capacity of 2000 or more, has been lent for the occasion by the Anderson revival committee. A parade in which several thousand will take part will precede the meeting. There will be addresses by speakers who will tell just where Chester stands now that the call to arms has been sounded.

Mayor Wesley S. McDowell will be chairman of the meeting at the tabernacle. He will present state senator William C. Sprout, who will preside. Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McMillan will speak, as will Congressman Thomas Butler, William H. Berry, collector of the Port of Philadelphia; Judge Eugene C. Bonnywell, of the Municipal Court, of Philadelphia; George Wentworth Cor, of this city; E. J. Cartell, stationer of the city of Philadelphia, and William L. Schaffer, state supreme court reporter.

PLEA FOR AMERICANISM This meeting will culminate in a plea for clean-cut Americanism, for support of the President of the United States and for red-blooded men to enlist in the branch of the service for which they are best adapted.

There is no lack of patriotism of a practical nature.

THREE BETHLEHEM MEN DIE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

R. K. Berekemeyer Is Probably Fatally Injured as Result of Crash—All Prominent Citizens

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 27.—Three prominent local citizens are dead and one is probably fatally injured as the result of an auto accident last night one-half mile outside of Bethlehem on the William Penn highway. The dead and injured are:

Hugh McEdden, justice of the peace, Hugh Kelly and R. K. Berekemeyer, all of Bethlehem, probably fatally injured.

Ex-Councilman Thomas Scott, proprietor of the Coronade Hotel, was also in the party but escaped injury.

The party was returning from Easton about 2 o'clock this morning when the spot of an auto accident was reached and in some manner the machine, which Mr. Berekemeyer was driving, left the solid concrete roadway and skidded in the clay where buildings operations are going on. The machine turned turtle.

Rare Bird in Merchantville MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., April 27.—A grackle, a bird not seen for years this side of the Mississippi River, has its nest in a tree in the yard of B. M. Thomas, on Main street. The news that a grackle was here reached the State Bird Department at Trenton and a representative was sent here. The bird is about eight inches long and has a large white beak. Its plumage is steel

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QUICK NEWS

GROENER DEMANDS GERMANS QUIT STRIKING

AMSTERDAM, April 27.—Bitter reproach for striking munition workers and demands that they return to work in this hour of Germany's need is expressed in proclamations signed by General Groener, Director of Munitions, and plastered all over Berlin today. "Ditches from the German capital quoted part of his proclamation as follows: 'The army needs munitions. Who dares stop work when Hindenburg commands it? Strike investigators must be branded as traitors and listeners to their words as cowards. The nation's existence is at stake.'"

DESTROYER ATTACK ON RAMSGATE REPELLED

LONDON, April 27.—German destroyers, evidently attempting a raid on Ramsgate, were driven off by British patrol vessels, the Admiralty announced today.

THREE RED CROSS CHAPTERS FORMED IN YORK COUNTY

YORK, Pa., April 27.—Branches of the York County Chapter of the American Red Cross have been organized at public meetings held at Loganville, Red Lion and Boyer. The speakers were Dr. E. N. Downing, David Gutz, Walter McBlain, George S. Schmitt, Emil Stogger and John C. Schmidt. The latter is president of the county chapter. The membership in the county is more than 2000. An effort is being made to reach the 2500 mark by May 1.

DELAWARE STUDENTS TAKE CENSUS OF FARMERS

NEWARK, Del., April 27.—Thirty-two students of Delaware College started out in automobiles to make a complete census of the farmers of Delaware. The students volunteered to do this work under the direction of the State Council of Food Production and Conservation, recently appointed by Governor Townsend, to devise means of getting farmers to increase the acreage of staple crops.

COAL CONFERENCE A DEADLOCK; MINERS STILL HOLD OUT

Deadlock between conference committees of central Pennsylvania bituminous coal miners and operators continued today at the Bellevue-Stratford, where efforts are being made to consider less than a 22-1/2 per cent raise, according to the operators. Hard coal operators returning from the New York conference, where 20 to 25 per cent wage increase was agreed upon, have not intimated the increase in price which the wage raise is said to entail.

READING ORDERED TO CUT FREIGHT RATE ON CEMENT

HARRISBURG, April 27.—The Public Service Commission ordered the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company to establish within five days' notice to the public and the commission, by amendment to its existing tariffs, a rate for carrying cement from Chapman and Evansville to Philadelphia of not more than \$1.16 per net ton for delivery at its own terminals and of \$1.26 for delivery on the lines of other roads. The order closes the case of the Allentown Portland Cement Company against the Reading. The railroad has been charging at the rate of \$1.26 per net ton on shipments for both local delivery and shipment, and the complainant companies contended this rate is unreasonable.

FIRST 5000 TO REPORT AT OFFICERS' CAMP MAY 8

NEW YORK, April 27.—Lieutenant Colonel Paul A. Wolf, U. S. A., will command the officers' training camp at Plattsburgh, and is on his way there to direct the preliminary arrangements for the housing of 5000 men who will report on May 8. Lieutenant Colonel William R. Sample, of the Thirty-fourth Infantry, will command the Madison barracks camp, to which will go all candidates from northern Pennsylvania. Captain Arthur P. Crosby, of the training camps' association, said that reports from the various recruiting stations in the eastern department indicated that every camp would start on May 8 with a maximum attendance of 2500 men.

NAVY DOES NOT WANT LADS UNDER 17 YEARS OLD

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The navy does not want lads under seventeen. Reports from every naval recruiting station to Washington indicate that large numbers of boys, some of sixteen, and some even younger, have applied for enlistment. Secretary Daniels today notified all recruiting agents that they must not enlist boys under seventeen. Mr. Daniels said he was unwilling that the country should be put in the position of "grinding up its seed corn."

SWISS TOWN SHELLED BY UNIDENTIFIED AIRMAN

BERNE, April 27.—An unknown aviator flew over the Swiss town of Porrentruy, throwing explosive bombs and seriously damaging buildings and injuring several persons. A watch factory in which night work was proceeding was struck, the roof being blown off and telegraph and telephone wires destroyed. Three persons, including a child, were injured. The military authorities are seeking the identity and nationality of the aviator.

AMERICAN STORES CO. WILL ADVANCE BREAD TO 6 CENTS

The price of a loaf of bread will be advanced to six cents Monday by the American Stores Company, newly formed by the merger of five chain grocery store systems. An increase was the alternative of reducing the size of the loaf, according to Samuel Robinson, president of the company, who said that the company had been postponing action for three weeks, believing that wheat had reached its highest figure. Bakers have been charging six cents a loaf for some time.

SCHUYLKILL TEMPERANCE WORKERS ORGANIZE

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 27.—Following a meeting here the Co-operating Temperance League of Schuylkill County was organized with the announced object of nominating and electing local option representatives in the State legislature next year. Another meeting, on Monday, May 7, to form a permanent organization, will be attended by representatives from all sections of the county. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Mitchell war prohibition bill in the State legislature.

ALL STATE EMPLOYEES TO SWEAR ALLEGIANCE

HARRISBURG, April 27.—Governor Brumbaugh sent identical letters to the heads of all departments of the State Government directing them to swear all State employees to allegiance to the country under penalty of immediate dismissal for refusal. The governor directs that all heads of departments report to him at once the names of any employees who refuse to take the oath, so that they can be summarily dismissed.

NO FLAG OVER SCHOOL; PUPILS ON STRIKE

EASTON, Pa., April 27.—The pupils of the school of Raubsville have been on strike since Monday because the school directors failed to provide a flag for the building. Parents are indignant over the situation. One of the school directors is quoted as saying: "It's too late in the season to buy a flag."

U. S. BUYING 817 ACRES IN POCONOS FOR CAMP

STROUDSBURG, Pa., April 27.—Negotiations are under way for the purchase of more land on the Pocono Mountains by the United States Government for the extension of the artillery camp, which has been maintained there for several years. Representatives of the Government are closing a deal with Frank P. Meekes, of Pocono Lake, for two tracts of 817 acres in Paradise township, which will be added to the thousands of acres already owned by the Government there. This land will be cleared and used as practice ground for the artillery.

31 SHELLS HURLED AGAINST RHEIMS CATHEDRAL

PARIS, April 27.—Stung by the steady advance on the French front, the Germans threw fifteen large-caliber shells at the Rheims Cathedral, damaging several important parts of the famous monument. Encouraged by their first success, sixteen more heavy shells were thrown upon the vaults and towers. The northern tower suffered most from the shelling and is leaning so that its stability may give way at any time. S. A. B. G. Sainsauleu, the architect of the cathedral, is seriously concerned as to the further resistance of the edifice to heavy projectiles.

COAL SUPPLY TO BE CONSERVED FOR USE IN WAR

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Co-ordination of the coal production and distribution is being studied by the Council of National Defense with the object of conserving the supply and making certain that the needs of the United States and of the Entente Allies are filled. J. S. Peabody, of Illinois, has been in consultation with members of the council on the question and giving expert advice.

BLAST PROBERS HEAR OF 'LOST' RUSSIAN AGENT

Eddystone Inspector, Radical, Vanished After Explosion

PINKERTON SLEUTH LOST QUARRY'S TRAIL

Missing "Waskoff" Worked for Paper He Notified of Explosion

HIS WIFE GOT MESSAGE



TESTIMONY tending to show that the explosive which cost the lives of at least 135 persons was the result of a plot has been produced before Coroner Drewes, at Chester.

By a Staff Correspondent

CHESTER, Pa., April 27.—The probe of the Eddystone horror has become a probe of Russian Government agents. It is to them that the coroner jury looks for light on the mystery, as the investigating body of six prominent Delaware County citizens enters its second day of work.

To find "Waskoff" is the object that stands in the foreground. And not only Coroner Drewes's jury, but the Federal Government itself is raking the country to turn up this man, who a few hours after the explosion of April 16 sent to a radical Russian newspaper in New York a cryptic telegram that said: "Explosion occurred today; our crowd safe."

He was one of the Russian Government's authorized inspectors then, but a few minutes later he rushed away without explanation, not even stopping to get his salary.

WILL QUIZ INSPECTOR

Today the first witness on the list for examination is another Russian inspector, Logeda, who is reputed to have been a crony of Waskoff's and who is under bail on charges of taking part in a radical meeting here less than two weeks before the Eddystone horror. At the meeting President Wilson was accused and an "Industrial revolution" was urged by Walter Durman, a friend of both Logeda and Waskoff, according to testimony of a Pinkerton detective. Durman fled from the jurisdiction while under bond. He is thought to be in New Jersey.

Not only is Logeda down for a grilling as to what he knows of Waskoff's whereabouts and Waskoff's connection with the disaster, but two other Russian agents are to be examined. They are Alfonso Guillano, of 1422 Eidsworth street, Philadelphia, and Anestis Harlandou, of Chester. Both are in the Crozer Hospital here. The jury will visit them because they are too severely injured to go to the jury room on Fifth street.

TELEGRAM TO GIRL

Hunter Nugent, of Harrisburg, deputy State fire marshal, added to the mystery by testifying that a similar telegram was sent from Eddystone to "Miss Mary Marlin," 18 Stuyvesant street, New York city. The message read: "Explosion has occurred. I am safe." It was signed "Shika."

In New York Nugent found that "Miss Marlin" was the wife of Waskoff. He learned also that the former Government inspector got a job, following his flight from Eddystone, as a newspaper wrapper in the office of the Novy Mir, the radical paper to which his first telegram was sent. From there his movements cannot be traced. Detectives were told at the newspaper office that nothing about Waskoff was known there. The man is said to have been involved in political troubles in Russia.

Nicolas Kleckner, now and at the time of the tragedy chief of the Russian inspectors at Eddystone, gave some contradictory evidence. He said he had heard that Waskoff was in Philadelphia Thursday. He said he himself had once been a Socialist but had given up his association with the party.

Kleckner is said to have been well acquainted with Waskoff.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Overcast skies today and tomorrow; continued cool weather.

Table with weather data including Length of Day, Dew Point, and Wind.